

REMARKS

1. Status of the Claims

Claim 170 as amended, and claims 104-108, 110-124, 130-138, 146, 148-150, 158-161, 168, 169, 171, and 176-206 as filed, are pending in the application.

The dependency of Claim 170 was changed from claim 1 to claim 176. No new matter was added by this amendment.

Applicants note that in the previous response, claims 133 and 134 were erroneously marked as original when they were actually amended. In claim 133, the number 1000 was changed to 1500. In claim 134, 1500 was changed to 1000. These amendments have been incorporated into the above claim set. No new matter was added by these amendments.

All grounds of rejection have been overcome by amendment or argument.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the reference contained in the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. This reference, Application No. 09/896,874, which published as 2002/16320-A1, is a pending patent application that is co-owned by the assignees of the subject application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial Form PTO-1449 where indicated.

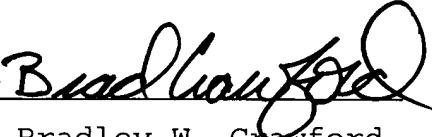
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend that all requirements of patentability have been met. Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are therefore respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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